

Page 1, between the first and second paragraphs, insert the following heading:

-- 2. Description of the Related Art --.

Page 1, between the third and fourth paragraphs, insert the following heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

Page 4, between the third and fourth paragraphs, insert:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING --.

Page 5, before first full paragraph, insert:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete claims 1 to 14 and substitute therefore the following claims:

15. (New) A method for producing franking markings by printing on a provided support material with text and/or image, the method comprising generating by input means of a computer a text selectable from proposals or designed according to